



HF 649 – Health Data (LSB2671HV)

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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 649](#) does the following:

- Section 1: Prohibits the Department of Public Health (DPH) from collecting the name of a person under the Health Care Data Collection from Hospitals Program established in Iowa Code section [135.166](#), unless otherwise authorized or required by a State or federal law.
- Section 2: Provides that when a record of a birth, marriage, termination of a marriage, or death excluding fetal death is in the custody of the county registrar or the State archivist and the record is at least 75 years old, if requested by a member of the news media or an entitled person, the record may be inspected and copied under Iowa Code chapter [22](#).

Background

Iowa Code section [135.22](#) was amended in 2012¹ to expand the definition of “brain injury” for the Central Registry of Persons with Brain or Spinal Cord Injuries. To fulfill the provisions of this Code section, the DPH began collecting data utilizing the Inpatient Outpatient Database through the Iowa Hospital Association.

Assumptions

- The DPH may not have clear authority to use the Inpatient Outpatient Database for the data collection process to fulfill the requirements of Iowa Code section 135.22.
- The DPH would be required to modify the Trauma Registry Reporting System for hospitals to report brain injury and stroke data.

Fiscal Impact

Section 1: The development cost of modifying the web portal and data management application is estimated to be between \$46,800 and \$103,600, depending on basic or advanced functionality. Additionally, the Office of the Chief Information Officer will charge hosting and security fees of \$10,500 annually. Finally, the cost of salary and support for 0.5 FTE position for a Management Analyst 3 is estimated to be approximately \$38,000 annually to work with managing the hospitals’ participation and ensuring compliance with the new reporting mechanism. Based on these estimates, the first-year estimated budget needs will fall between \$95,300 and \$152,100. Successive budget year expenditures are estimated to be \$56,000.

Section 2 has no fiscal impact.

Source

Iowa Department of Public Health

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¹ 2012 Iowa Acts, ch. [1120](#), §66 (Publicly Funded Mental Health and Disability Services Act)

The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
